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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - May 12, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Raymond Lozano was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Judge Marilyn L. Huff to serve 262 months in prison and 5 years of supervised release following his incarceration based upon his conviction for possession of over 50 grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. Lozano pled guilty on October 16, 2007.

According to court records, Lozano admitted that in February 2006 he participated in a drug deal in which he provided over 50 grams of methamphetamine to a confidential government informant. At the time of the methamphetamine deal, the confidential informant was working with law enforcement officers from the San Diego Violent Crimes Task Force - Gang Group in connection with a large-scale investigation of individuals associated with the Mexican Mafia, aka "La Eme," prison/street gang. Lozano is a documented Shelltown street gang member from San Diego.

The sentence was based in part upon Judge Huff's finding that Lozano was a career offender under the United States Sentencing Guidelines due to prior felony convictions in California for false imprisonment and drug trafficking.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 06cr2564-H

Raymond Lozano

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) - Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Diego Police Department
San Diego County Sheriff's Department
U.S. Bureau of Prisons
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
San Diego County Probation